Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* It is not a question of necessity. The beef supplied is certified by the veterinary surgeon; otherwise why should human beings be so particular about animals?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* As a matter of experience, when we pass along that museum, we feel the smell emanating from the museum so bad, so awful, that unless somebody takes up the question and solves the problem, it is very difficult to pull on.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We have given strict instructions that that stench should be immediately removed. This has been done even before we got this question.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Every Sunday we are passing along that road and we experience this trouble. The Government say they cannot do this and that on account of paucity of funds. In this matter we know that no question of fund is involved. You will not appoint even an honorary committee.

Mr. President: I will look into the question and also consider about the matter of appointing a committee.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Thank you, Sir.

ABLE-BODIED YOUTHS—LIST OF

199. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government has issued instructions to the village officers to take a list of able-bodied youths in each of the revenue villages in the State;

(*b*) if so, what is the purpose of preparing such a list;

(*c*) whether the Government be pleased to give the total number of such able-bodied youths in each Taluk, if such a list referred to in (*a*) has been made?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES—OPERATION OF

200. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any merchant, wholesale or retail, in Mattancheri, Cochin, has been legally proceeded against in 1117 for alleged profiteering (sale of articles above the prescribed rates of price) under the Defence of India Rules;

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(*b*) if so, the number of such cases and the nature of charges against them ;

(*c*) whether any similar proceedings were instituted against any merchant or merchants in Trichur ;

(*d*) whether any cases as referred to in (*a*) and (*c*) have been withdrawn under orders of the Government ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) One. For selling at prices in excess of those fixed by the Government.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that the commodities for sale in the Trichur market are mostly transported from Mattancheri, especially the provisions ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes. May be so.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharn *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* It is said that in Mattancheri, there was only one arrest under the Defence of India Rules. We are told that in Trichur action was taken against many merchants. When there is no control in Mattancheri, is it proper to insist the rules upon Trichur to which place the commodities are transported from Mattancheri ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The cases are only with reference to commodities for which prices have been fixed, and it is not right to say that in Trichur one set of rules is followed and in Mattancheri another. For provisions, there is no rate fixed at all. It is only for rice, kerosene oil and matches.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Do not the Government think that the merchants of Cochin are probably more law abiding than the people of other places ?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether there are different rates for Trichur, Cochin and other places ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes, there are.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, the difference in the rates at Cochin and Trichur for the same commodity ?

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Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Transport charges, and also a small margin of profit makes the difference.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether the rate for wholesale dealers is different from retail dealers?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Are these rates revised from time to time?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* When there is necessity, the prices are revised.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Has there been any revision? When were they revised?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Three or four times. And the last occasion was—I do not remember the exact date—soon after Japan entered into war.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* How many complaints have been received from Mattancheri that the people there are selling above the fixed rates?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* No written complaints have been received from anybody. People have been saying so many things and we have been watching.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* Is there any complaint from the Food Controller to the Government for selling above the fixed rate?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The report generally is that there are people selling at higher rates, but nobody has come forward and complained about this, saying that they have been asked to pay more. If we ask anybody to give evidence, he is not prepared.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* Without complaint, how was there a case of one selling at a higher rate?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That was detected.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* By the Diwan Peishkar or the Food Controller?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* So many persons are working under him. Diwan Peishkar is only to direct them.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the detection work is being carried on at present.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Oh, Yes. It is not stopped.

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